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Manuscripts should be no longer than 15,000 words, including references and all figures and/or tables. Both British and American English are acceptable, but not a mix of the two. Whenever possible, authors should try to avoid abbreviations or complex technical terminology. When needed, all abbreviations should be standard, abiding by common zoological and genetic nomenclature and using standard unit measurements.

All manuscripts should contain the following information and be organizing in this order:

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Each paper should be preceded by an **abstract** of no more than 250 that presents the purpose, importance, basic methods and key findings of the research. Avoid using abbreviations, citations or references to other parts of the text whenever possible.

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